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PROGRAM

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1. ON SEPTEMBER 14 THE SCIATT MET WITH STANISLAW ROZANKA, DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF TECHNOLOGY AND FOREIGN COOPERATION AT THE CENTRAL INSTITUTE OF GEODESY AND CARTOGRAPHY, AND PRESENTED THE SPECIFIC INFORMATION OUTLINED IN REF A. THE INSTITUTE HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE COMPANIES LISTED IN PARAGRAPH 1, REF A. TO GAIN TIME, EMBASSY ASSISTANCE WAS REQUESTED IN FORWARDING CORRESPONDENCE.

2. THE INSTITUTE APPEARS TO BE UNCERTAIN ABOUT THE PREFERRED OPTION FOR REMOTE SENSING TRAINING. IT IS DETERMINED AND HAS SUFFICIENT RESOURCES TO PURCHASE THE BEST BASIS TRAINING AVAILABLE ON THE MARKET. IT FAVORS ON-THE-JOB AND IN-SERVICE TRAINING AT USGS BUT IS UNWILLING TO WAIT UNTIL MAY 1977 FOR THE 8TH REMOTE SENSING WORKSHOP IN VIEW OF A NEED TO SPEND FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR THIS PURPOSE BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1976.

3. IN THIS CONNECTION THE INSTITUTE NEEDS TO KNOW IMMEDIATELY IF USGS IS PREPARED TO OFFER UNSCHEDULED BASIS TRAINING BEFORE YEAR'S END FOR UP TO SIX
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TRAINEES WHOSE BIODATA IT WILL SUPPLY.

4. IN ADDITION TO THE ANN ARBOR AND CHEVY CHASE COMPANIES IN PARAGRAPH 1, REF A, THE INSTITUTE IS INTERESTED IN CONTACTING PRIVATE COMPANIES WHICH SUBCONTRACT WITH NASA TO BUILD REMOTE SENSING EQUIPMENT AND/OR THOSE WHICH USE THE LANDSAT DATA.

5. ROZANKA REITERATED THE INSTITUTE'S CONSIDERABLE INTEREST IN THE PURCHASE OF BOTH HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE FOR THE INTERPRETATION OF REMOTE SENSING DATA AS OUTLINED IN REF B. HE MENTIONED BOTH OUTRIGHT PURCHASE AND/OR LICENSING AND A COMPANY NAMED IIS AS THE PREFERRED SUPPLIER. THE INSTITUTE IS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED, HOWEVER, OVER ALLEGED INFORMATION IT HAS RECEIVED THAT AMERICAN EQUIPMENT MAY BE PURCHASED THROUGH EUROPEAN AGENTS ONLY. THE INSTITUTE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THIS ISSUE CLARIFIED.

6. THE SCIATT CONVEYED TO THE INSTITUTE NASA'S COMMENTS AS STATED IN REF C. THE INSTITUTE RECOGNIZES THE HIGH COST ASSOCIATED WITH A POLISH LANDSAT STATION AND HAS NO IMMEDIATE PLANS TO RECOMMEND ONE. HOWEVER, THE GOP HAS STRONG OBJECTIONS TO DEALING WITH THE ITALIANS WHO, IN THEIR OPINION, CHARGE PRICES WELL IN EXCESS OF REASONABLE DEPRECIATION RATES DISCUSSED IN PARAGRAPH 3, REF C. IN VIEW OF THIS ROZANKA RESTATED THE POLISH PREFERENCE FOR DEALING WITH NASA DIRECTLY.

7. SPECIFICALLY, THE INSTITUTE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF 1) CCT TAPES ARE AVAILABLE FOR DIRECT SALE TO POLAND; 2) WHAT IS THE UNIT PRICE PER #4 CHANNEL FRAME, AND 3) IS THERE A DISCOUNT PRICE FOR 10 FRAMES OR LESS.

8. ROZANKA INFORMED THE SCIATT THAT THE INSTITUTE IS PLANNING A ONE WEEK VISIT TO THE U.S. AND CANADA FOR A NUMBER OF SPECIALIST DURING THE SECOND HALF OF OCTOBER. THIS VISIT IS NOT CONNECTED WITH THE PROPOSED TRAVEL OF VICE MINISTER CZESLAW PRZEWOZNIK TO THE U.S. THIS FALL, AND WILL BE FUNDED BY THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INSTITUTE. ALTHOUGH THE GROUP'S TRIP IS BILLED AS AN UNOFFICIAL EXPLORATORY VISIT, THE INSTITUTE WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S NASA'S AND/OR THE USGS'S ASSISTANCE IN FACILITATING MEETINGS WITH APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON FOR INFORMAL TALKS. AMONG THE WORKING GROUP WILL BE ROZANKA'S DEPUTY ANDRZEJ SZYMCAK, DOCENT JAN KONIECZNY, AND TWO OTHERS.

9. IN VIEW OF HIS CONTINUED INABILITY
MTO MEET PERSONALLY WITH PRZEWOZNIK, THE SCIATT
PRESENTED TO DR. ROZANKA THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S
POSITION ON PRZEWOZNIK'S TRAVEL TO THE U.S. THIS
FALL.

10. COMMENT: THE AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES TO FUND
TRAINING, PURCHASE EQUIPMENT, AND DO EXPLORATORY
TRAVEL, AND THE URGENCY TO ALLOCATE THESE BY THE
END OF 1976, IS MUCH IN EVIDENCE AT THE CENTRAL
INSTITUTE OF GEODESY AND CARTOGRAPHY. THERE IS A
CLEAR NEED FOR GUIDANCE AND ASSISTANCE FROM THE
U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND PRIVATE CONSULTATIONS,
AT LEAST DURING THE FORMULATION OF TRAINING PROGRAMS,
SHOPPING FOR EQUIPMENT, ETC.
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